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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE, IMAGE PROCESSING PROGRAM, AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR RECORDING IMAGE PROCESSING PROGRAM, the specification of which

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